

**DANGEORUS BUILDINGS HEARING MINUTES**

**JUNE 9, 2010**

**CITY HALL  
10 N. DIVISION STREET  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR – ROOM 311  
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carman Hamilton, Hearing Officer, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carman Hamilton, Hearing Officer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Lawson, Code Officer, Dennis McKinley, Code Compliance Administrator and Sandra Gray, Secretary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**15 Harrison Street (House):** Mark and Philena Thomason, property owners, were not present.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**245 N. Kendall Street (Structure):** Calhoun County Treasurer, property owner, was not present.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**87 Lathrop Avenue (House):** Federal National Mortgage Association, property owner, was not present.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**501 E. Michigan Avenue (House):** Heather Fronko, property owner, was not present.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**56 Oak Street (House):** Larry Johnson, property owner, was present.

Larry Johnson stated the outside of the house is pretty much done but would need additional time to rehab the interior. He stated he had been in a car accident was waiting for the lawsuit to be settled before he continued with the repairs.

Pam, Code Officer, stated the house does have newer siding, windows, doors and roofing. The inside has been gutted and when you renovate the interior, a licensed building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing contractor would be responsible for obtaining the required permits.

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**24 E. Rittenhouse Avenue (House & Garage):** Andy Fletcher, Guardian Inc., was present.

Andy Fletcher, Guardian Inc. stated he is the guardian for the property owner and just received, from the court, power of attorney. He stated they realize the home needs to be demolished but questioned what the procedure is. Mr. Fletcher commented they received a quote in the amount of \$14,000 but did not know if that was reasonable.

Dennis McKinley, Code Compliance Administrator, replied the Purchasing Department has a contractor's list that the city has uses for demolitions and this list might help you select a contractor.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**192 W. Rittenhouse Avenue (House):** Calhoun Country Treasurer, property owner, was not present.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**58 Seivour Avenue (House):** Brock Becerra, property owner, was present.

Brock Becerra stated he realizes some of the work has been done without a permit and the house has been vacant from some time. He commented that he would get the proper permits and inspections but needs additional time.

Carman Hamilton asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, Mr. Hamilton stated this property represents a hazardous condition in the neighborhood and the community as a whole; therefore, the Board will grant the property owner **(30) thirty days** to bring it into compliance and/or demolish the structure.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Carman Hamilton, Hearing Officer, adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

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